

## MAYOR'S JITNEYS ORDERED BY STATE TO TAKE LICENSES

Police Assist in Operation of  
Lines, Nixon Charges in  
Letter to Enright.

Mayor Hylan's jitney bus system received a setback yesterday when Secretary of State Hugo sent word to Commissioner of Plant and Structures Whalen that the bus owners and drivers would have to take out New York State automobile licenses or go out of business.

At the same time Public Service Commissioner Nixon, on receiving reports that many policemen had been actively supervising the operations of the buses, wrote to Police Commissioner Enright asking if instructions had been given to policemen to permit bus drivers to operate in New York when they had not complied with the State law.

It was said at the local office of the Secretary of State that some of the operators had obtained licenses, but many had not. If those are to continue to operate the drivers will have to take an examination for a license, paying a fee of \$5. The cost of bus licenses range from \$10 to \$17 a year, depending on the size of the bus. Mr. Whalen promised to see that all his bus operators complied with the law.

Information gathered by Commissioner Nixon showed that at a time when many police precincts are shown to be understaffed, policemen have been used to keep track of the operation of the buses. A statement issued by Mr. Nixon said: "Chauvinists state they are not required to take out licenses. Just who takes the responsibility for giving such false information, I, of course, do not know. The police are usually alert in arresting drivers without proper licenses. Just who has told them not to arrest men without their licenses, I do not know."

Mr. Nixon also said his reports show that on Flatbush Avenue, between Fourth Avenue and Fulton street, Brooklyn, which is traversed by two bus lines and is one of the most congested sections of the borough, the efficiency of the street railway lines was being seriously interfered with through the addition of the buses.

"Of course," said the commissioner, "the city is fostering the bus enterprise. It is the judge as to how far the city shall jeopardize the people's money in experiments that are sure to take their toll in injuries. If the

## 5 HURT WHEN Hylan BUS AND STREET CAR CRASH AT WINDSOR PLACE, BROOKLYN

The Injured Were All Passengers  
in the Municipal  
Jitney.

A municipal auto bus of the Park Slope-Borough Hall Line and a surface car on the Vanderbilt Avenue Line collided at Ninth Avenue and Windsor Place, Brooklyn, about 10 o'clock last night. Four persons in the front part of the bus were hurt, mostly by broken glass.

The injured were Mrs. Mary Cohen, twenty-seven, No. 215 Ocean Parkway; her husband, Benjamin, twenty-seven; Edward Jones, sixty-seven, No. 1 Ocean Parkway, and Harold L. Richards, twenty-one, No. 623 Vanderbilt Street. After being attended by ambulance surgeons from the Methodist Episcopal Hospital they went home. Five others in the bus and those in the car were unhurt.

City Government assumes that it is above the law and can conduct business in the way it is doing, then its acts must be reported to the proper authorities, who will demand an accounting.

In a proceeding yesterday before Federal Judge Mayer to determine whether the Fourth and Madison Avenue line is to be turned back by the receiver of the New York Rail-

ways Company to its owner, thus cutting off all transfers to and from this line, Henry L. Stimson, representing Receiver Hodges, said the line was losing \$120,000 a year. In addition to the \$400,000 a year the New York Railway owed for the lease. None of this rental has been paid since the receiver took over the operation. It was shown the Harlem Railroad Company, the owner, was not at all anxious to get the line back. Judge Mayer ordered further argument Dec. 1.

Judge Mayer also directed the receiver to ascertain the status of the bus line. Mr. Whalen has established through 50th Street in competition with a cross-town branch of the Madison Avenue line.

**PREMIER FOR LADY ASTOR.**  
Approves Her Candidacy for the  
House of Commons.

PLYMOUTH, Nov. 7 (Associated Press).—Lady Astor has received the personal endorsement of Premier Lloyd George in her candidacy for the House of Commons. The Premier, it was announced to-day, has sent her a letter of encouragement.

Lady Astor's American birth was forced into the campaign last night when at a schoolhouse meeting a man asked:

"Aren't there any Englishwomen quite as fit to be the first woman member of the British Parliament as an American?"

"There are a great many, but there are none who know the needs and conditions of Plymouth as I do," she replied with spirit.

"Aren't there other social questions in America to which you could give your attention to better advantage?" asked the man.

Lady Astor vehemently denounced this question as an insult, upon which the man apologized.

**Refuse to Give Up Office.**  
MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 7.—Mayor H. Pillans and Commissioners George E. Crawford and P. J. Lyons refused today to surrender their offices to

Mayor-elect Hancock and the new City Commissioners. The incumbents contend the act under which the new municipal officers were elected is illegal. The fight will be taken to the courts.

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